

obviousness-type double patenting. The Applicants respectfully submit that the Terminal Disclaimer filed concurrently herewith overcomes those grounds of rejection, thereby placing the application into condition for allowance.

However, the Information Disclosure Statement filed concurrently with the present application has not been acknowledged. The Applicants respectfully request that the Information Disclosure Statement be considered and that an initialed copy of the form PTO-1449 be enclosed with the next communication from the Office.

In the event there are any questions relating to this Amendment or to the application in general, it would be appreciated if the Examiner would telephone the undersigned attorney concerning such questions so that the prosecution of this application may be expedited.

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